

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO BILL EMERSON

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 1996

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say goodbye to a friend. Although many Members of this body have risen and recounted what kind of man, legislator, and public servant Bill Emerson was, I believe it certainly cannot be said enough.

I always thought that one of Bill's most outstanding qualities was that he held passionate beliefs about how to improve the lives of our Nation's citizens, while at the same time possessing the innate quality to debate divisive issues in an honest and straightforward manner. Bill was one of the driving forces behind the formation of the Alliance, a group of Republicans who believe that we must return civility and respect to the debates in the House of Representatives.

Unfortunately, we did not serve on the same committees in Congress, in fact, our congressional districts were in very different parts of this country. I was, however, pleased to have the opportunity to serve as a member of the Alliance with Bill, and to see him working at our weekly meetings. I also was able to work with Bill several years ago as cochair of the House Task Force on Fair Trade and Open Markets.

There is no question that he served the Eighth District of Missouri and the citizens of our country very well. I know he will be missed by all those who were fortunate to come into contact with him over the years.

We were all heartened at the way Bill remained strong during his last days in this institution which he loved so much. Whenever I walked on the floor and saw him following the debate, even though it was obvious that lesser men would have been unable to do so, I realized just what kind of devotion and commitment he had for his service to his constituents and to his country.

Mr. Speaker, we will all miss Bill Emerson. I know, however, that his work in this body will serve as a lasting tribute to a man who devoted his life to public service.

TRIBUTE TO THE LEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 1996

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, the Ledford High School Panthers are State champions once again. On June 9 in Raleigh, the Ledford women's softball team captured the North Carolina State 2A softball championship, defeating the Forbush High School Falcons, 4-1.

For the women of Ledford it was their second consecutive championship and their third in the past 6 years. With the title win, the Panthers capped off an outstanding 25-4 season under head coach John Ralls.

Like much of their season, the Panthers' pitching was the key to victory. The championship game's Most Valuable Player, Melissa Petty, was superb on the mound, holding Forbush to just one run off of five hits. But, Mr. Speaker, defense alone does not win championships. The Panther offense was led by Stacey Hinkle, who knocked two home runs as Ledford rolled to victory.

Mr. Speaker, congratulations must also go to team members Kelly Thomas, Ashley Craven, Molli Patterson, Angie Wesson, Quinn Homesley, Amy Disher, Heather Pitts, Courtney Troutman, Laurie Smith, Paige Koonts, Kim Clodfelter, Amy Wells, Ginger Whitt, Amanda Reece, Lauren Craven, Misty Sharp, Leslie Thomas, Janell Curry, assistant coaches Joe Davis, Danny Thomas, David Smith and manager Tara Bowers.

To Principal Max Cole, Athletic Director Gary Hinkle, and to all of the students, faculty, staff, families, and friends of Ledford High School, congratulations on winning the North Carolina State 2A women's softball championship.

Mr. Speaker, as we honor Ledford High School's season, we must also commend two other Sixth District high schools on their fine seasons on the diamond.

The North Davidson High School Black Knights women's softball team, under Coach Mike Lambros, went undefeated this season and made it all the way to the North Carolina State 3A/4A semifinals.

Congratulations must also be extended to the East Davidson High School men's baseball team, which recently finished a terrific 22-8 season, making the North Carolina State 2A semifinals.

Mr. Speaker, the Sixth District is proud of the winning tradition of its high school athletes and wishes them much success next season.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM INGRAHAM

HON. GERRY E. STUDDS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 1996

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with the people of Provincetown and Truro, MA as they gather this week to honor and pay tribute to Mr. William Ingraham, who is retiring after more than 50 years of years of outstanding public service.

Bill Ingraham came to Provincetown in 1970, after serving off-Cape as a firefighter for more than 25 years. Since then, he has become a fixture in the town halls of Provincetown and Truro, serving as wiring inspector, building inspector, and volunteer firefighter.

His dedication to public safety and his extensive knowledge of construction is

unequaled. Over the years, he served as clerk of works for every major municipal construction project in the town of Provincetown. And his inspection work has significantly reduced the number of fires in the community.

In all his years of public service, Bill was on call every day, literally 24 hours a day. Whether at home or at the office, the radio scanner would always be on in the event of a fire, flood, hurricane, or other emergency.

Former town manager Bill McNulty said in a recent newspaper story "there is no way they will replace Bill. He was always there, always on call. He knew everyone, and everyone knew and liked him."

So today, I seek to bring to the attention of my colleagues the fine work of an outstanding public servant. Bill Ingraham grew up just wanting to fight fires, but has become one of Cape Cod's most respected and beloved citizens.

It is my pleasure to join with the people of Provincetown and Truro as they honor Bill Ingraham to extend to him the best wishes from this Congress on a job exceedingly well done.

TRIBUTE TO CANDACE SHEA

HON. WILLIAM H. ZELIFF, JR.

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 1996

Mr. ZELIFF. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to bring to attention the outstanding accomplishment of Ms. Candace Shea, an eighth grader from Hampstead Middle School, Hampstead, NH. As the author of an inspirational and patriotic essay honoring veterans and her explanation on the importance of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, she has made me very proud to be her Representative. I am pleased to submit a copy of her essay to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on her behalf.

WHAT EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

(By Candace Shea)

The Unknown Soldier. Those words are like a light, pointing out all those killed in action. All those who fought for our country, and then died for our country.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is a tomb in which the remains of a soldier whose identity is unknown is ceremonially laid to rest.

The first unknown soldier was a tribute to those who had made the supreme sacrifice in World War I. It was placed in Arlington National Cemetery on November 11, 1921. The tomb is a white marble structure that has "Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God" carved indelibly on it.

In Memorial Day of 1958, two more unknown soldiers were buried in full tribute—one from the Korean War and one from World War II. On Memorial Day of 1984, a soldier from the Vietnam War was laid to rest at the monument.

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